

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S12013–S12076

Measures Introduced: Seven bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2087–2093, and S. Res. 330–331. **Page S12054**

Measures Passed:

Childhood Cancer Awareness: Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 325, supporting efforts to increase childhood cancer awareness, treatment, and research, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Pages S12075–76**

Trade Act of 1974 Extension: Senate passed H.R. 3375, to extend the trade adjustment assistance program under the Trade Act of 1974 for 3 months, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S12076**

Tamper-Resistant Prescription Pads: Committee on Finance was discharged from further consideration of S. 2085, to delay for 6 months the requirement to use of tamper-resistant prescription pads under the Medicaid program, and the bill was then passed. **Page S12076**

Measures Considered:

National Defense Authorization Act: Senate resumed consideration of H.R. 1585, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2008 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S12023, S12024, S12028–46**

Adopted:

Levin (for Isakson) Modified Amendment No. 2952 (to Amendment No. 2011), to authorize the procurement of fire resistant rayon fiber for the production of uniforms from foreign sources. **Page S12034**

Levin (for Boxer) Amendment No. 2870 (to Amendment No. 2011), to require an annual report on cases reviewed by the National Committee for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve. **Page S12034**

Levin (for Clinton) Amendment No. 2917 (to Amendment No. 2011), to extend and enhance the authority for temporary lodging expenses for members of the Armed Forces in areas subject to a major disaster declaration or for installations experiencing a sudden increase in personnel levels. **Pages S12034–35**

Levin (for Menendez) Amendment No. 2973 (to Amendment No. 2011), to express the sense of Congress on the provision of equipment for the National Guard for the defense of the homeland. **Pages S12034–35**

Levin (for Brown) Amendment No. 2095 (to Amendment No. 2011), to expedite the prompt return of the remains of deceased members of the Armed Forces to their loved ones for burial. **Pages S12034–35**

Levin (for Graham/Kerry) Amendment No. 2975 (to Amendment No. 2011), to require a report on the status of the application of the Uniform Code of Military Justice during a time of war or contingency operation. **Pages S12034–35**

Levin (for Dole) Amendment No. 2951 (to Amendment No. 2011), to require the Secretary of the Navy to make reasonable efforts to notify certain former residents and civilian employees at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, of their potential exposure to certain drinking water contaminants. **Pages S12034–35**

Levin (for Chambliss) Amendment No. 2978 (to Amendment No. 2011), to require a report on housing privatization initiatives. **Pages S12034–35**

Levin (for Smith/Wyden) Amendment No. 2956 (to Amendment No. 2011), to express the sense of the Senate on use by the Air Force of towbarless aircraft ground equipment. **Pages S12034, S12036**

Levin (for Lieberman) Amendment No. 2932 (to Amendment No. 2011), to provide for the provision of contact information on separating members of the Armed Forces to the veterans department or agency of the State in which such members intend to reside after separation. **Pages S12034, S12036**

Levin (for Hagel/Byrd) Amendment No. 2979 (to Amendment No. 2011), to express the sense of Congress on the future use of synthetic fuels in military systems. **Pages S12034, S12036**

Levin (for Bingaman) Amendment No. 2943 (to Amendment No. 2011), to require a report on the

workforce required to support the nuclear missions of the Navy and the Department of Energy.

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Levin (for Coleman) Amendment No. 2982 (to Amendment No. 2011), to authorize the establishment of special reimbursement rates for the provision of mental health care services under the TRICARE program.

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Levin (for Domenici) Amendment No. 2981 (to Amendment No. 2011), to require an evaluation of the strategic plan for advanced computing of the National Nuclear Security Administration.

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Levin (for Nelson (NE)/Johnson) Amendment No. 2158 (to Amendment No. 2011), to ensure the eligibility of certain heavily impacted local educational agencies for impact aid payments under section 8003(b)(2) of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 for fiscal year 2008 and succeeding fiscal years.

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Levin (for Chambliss) Amendment No. 2977 (to Amendment No. 2011), to provide for physician and health care professional comparability allowances to improve and enhance the recruitment and retention of medical and health care personnel for the Department of Defense.

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Levin (for Boxer). Amendment No. 2962 (to Amendment No. 2011), to implement the recommendations of the Department of Defense Task Force on Mental Health.

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Levin (for Martinez). Amendment No. 2950 (to Amendment No. 2011), to require a study and report on the feasibility of including additional elements in the pilot program utilizing an electronic clearinghouse for support of the disability evaluation system of the Department of Defense.

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Levin (for Kerry) Amendment No. 2969 (to Amendment No. 2011), to provide for the establishment of a Center of Excellence in Prevention, Diagnosis, Mitigation, Treatment, and Rehabilitation of Military Eye Injuries.

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Levin (for Thune) Amendment No. 3021 (to Amendment No. 2011), to require a Comptroller General report on actions by the Defense Finance and Accounting Service in response to the decision in *Butterbaugh v. Department of Justice*.

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Levin (for Salazar) Amendment No. 2920 (to Amendment No. 2011), to require a report on the Pinon Canyon Maneuver Site, Colorado.

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Levin (for Cornyn) Amendment No. 2929 (to Amendment No. 2011), to require a report assessing the facilities and operations of the Darnall Army

Medical Center at Fort Hood Military Reservation, Texas.

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Levin (for Martinez) Amendment No. 2197 (to Amendment No. 2011), to lift the moratorium on improvements at Fort Buchanan, Puerto Rico.

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Levin (for Biden) Amendment No. 2290 (to Amendment No. 2011), to require a report on funding of the Department of Defense for health care in the budget of the President in any fiscal year in which the Armed Forces are engaged in major military conflict.

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Levin (for Chambliss/Isakson) Amendment No. 2936 (to Amendment No. 2011), to designate the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Augusta, Georgia, as the “Charlie Norwood Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center”.

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Levin/McCain Amendment No. 3007 (to Amendment No. 2011), to clarify the requirement for military construction authorization and the definition of military construction.

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Levin (for Akaka) Amendment No. 2995 (to Amendment No. 2011), to require a report on the plans of the Secretary of the Army and the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to replace the monument at the Tomb of the Unknowns at Arlington National Cemetery, Virginia.

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Levin (for Lautenberg/Menendez) Amendment No. 3029 (to Amendment No. 2011), to require a comprehensive review of safety measures and encroachment issues at Warren Grove Gunnery Range, New Jersey.

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Levin (for Hagel) Amendment No. 2980 (to Amendment No. 2011), to require a report on the establishment of a scholarship program for civilian mental health professionals.

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Levin (for Kerry/Snowe) Amendment No. 3023 (to Amendment No. 2011), to improve the Commercialization Pilot Program for defense contracts.

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Levin (for Kerry) Amendment No. 3024 (to Amendment No. 2011), to improve small business programs for veterans.

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Levin (for Landrieu) Amendment No. 2963 (to Amendment No. 2011), to authorize the Secretary of the Army to use land under the control of the State of Louisiana adjacent to, or in the vicinity of the Baton Rouge airport, Baton Rouge, Louisiana for the purpose of siting an Army Reserve Center and Navy-Marine Corps Reserve Center.

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Levin (for Bennett/Hatch) Modified Amendment No. 3030 (to Amendment No. 2011), to modify land management restrictions applicable to Utah national defense lands.

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Levin (for Coburn) Amendment No. 3044 (to Amendment No. 2011), to prohibit the use of earmarks for awarding no-bid contracts and non-competitive grants. **Pages S12034, S12042**

Pending:

Nelson (NE) (for Levin) Amendment No. 2011, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S12023**

Warner (for Graham/Kyl) Amendment No. 2064 (to Amendment No. 2011), to strike section 1023, relating to the granting of civil rights to terror suspects. **Page S12023**

Kyl/Lieberman Amendment No. 3017 (to Amendment No. 2011), to express the sense of the Senate regarding Iran. **Pages S12023, S12029**

Biden Amendment No. 2997 (to Amendment No. 2011), to express the sense of Congress on federalism in Iraq. **Pages S12023, S12028–29**

Reid (for Kennedy/Smith) Amendment No. 3035 (to the language proposed to be stricken by Amendment No. 2064), to provide Federal assistance to States, local jurisdictions, and Indian tribes to prosecute hate crimes. **Page S12023**

Motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Armed Services, with instructions to report back forthwith, with Reid Amendment No. 3038, to change the enactment date. **Page S12024**

Reid Amendment No. 3039 (to the instructions of the motion to recommit), of a technical nature. **Page S12024**

Reid Amendment No. 3040 (to Amendment No. 3039), of a technical nature. **Page S12024**

Casey (for Hatch) Amendment No. 3047 (to Amendment No. 2011), to require comprehensive study and support for criminal investigations and prosecutions by State and local law enforcement officials. **Pages S12044–45**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the Reid (for Kennedy/Smith) Amendment No. 3035 (listed above), and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Thursday, September 27, 2007. **Page S12023**

A motion was entered to close further debate on Casey (for Hatch) Amendment No. 3047 (listed above), and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Thursday, September 27, 2007. **Pages S12044–46**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at 10:30 a.m., on Wednesday, September 26, 2007; provided further, that when Senate resumes consideration of Biden Amendment No. 2997 (to Amendment No. 2011), that there be 30 minutes of debate equally divided and controlled between Senators Biden and McCain, or their designees, and that Senate vote on

or in relation to the amendment; provided further, that the amendment be subject to a 60 vote affirmative threshold, and that if it does not achieve that threshold, the amendment be withdrawn. **Page S12076**

Children's Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that on Wednesday, September 26, 2007, when cloture is filed on the motion to concur in the House amendments to the Senate amendments to H.R. 976, to amend title XXI of the Social Security Act to reauthorize the State Children's Health Insurance Program, that it be considered to have been filed on Tuesday, September 25, 2007. **Page S12075**

Nomination Received: Senate received the following nomination:

Christina H. Pearson, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services. **Page S12076**

Nomination Withdrawn: Senate received notification of withdrawal of the following nomination:

John A. Rizzo, of the District of Columbia, to be General Counsel of the Central Intelligence Agency, which was sent to the Senate on January 9, 2007. **Page S12076**

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:50 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, September 26, 2007. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S12076.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

GULF COAST HOUSING NEEDS

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine certain